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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/773,241
Applicant(s) : John C. Molander, et al.
Filed : January 31, 2001
Title : ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH TENSION-DIVIDING SIDE PANELS
TC/A.U. : 3765
Examiner : A.J. Grayson
Conf. No. : 6142
Docket No. : 8409

AMENDMENT AFTER 1ST OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111(c)

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of February 21, 2003, the time for response being extended by one month, pursuant to the fee charged to the Assignee's Deposit Account in the papers submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows, consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. Attached hereto is a Petition for a one -Month Extension of Time, and the fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(a), providing for a timely response up to and including June 23, 2003 (June 21, 2003 falls on a Saturday).

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.